ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for rendering and applying images onto furniture surfaces and other surfaces capable of accepting veneers whereby a photograph, picture, or other image is transformed by computer software into a grid indicating the placement of veneer pieces of varying tones, preferably pieces made from wood of varying tones, and then the pieces are applied to the grid, creating an image on the surface. Digital data corresponding to the image are generated by scanning or another method. Image editing computer software is used to generate from the data a template having grid cells containing a plurality of tones corresponding to the weighted value of tones in the corresponding area of the image. A mosaic image is created by covering the template with pieces of material having a range of tones corresponding to the plurality of tones contained in the grid cells. The covered side of the material-covered template is adhered or laminated to a surface of an object, and the template is removed from the adhered or laminated materials. Alternatively, the template is then rendered onto the surface, and the mosaic image is created by covering the template with pieces of veneer having a range of tones corresponding to the plurality of tones contained in the grid cells.